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FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: US-SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS

1. WHEN MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY CARRO MARTINEZ (WHO IS VERY CLOSE TO ARIAS) LUNCHEDED WITH ME ALONE TODAY, HE COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NOT MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND NO ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO REOPEN THE NEGOTIATIONS. CARRO MARTINEZ STATED THAT IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR SPAIN'S ISOLATION IN THE RECENT EVENTS, GOS WOULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED SUCH AN AGREEMENT SINCE IT DID NOT MEET ITS NEEDS EITHER WITH RESPECT TO EQUALITY OF TREATMENT OR TO THE WUID. HE FRANKLY BELIEVED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE WELL RECEIVED BY SPAIN'S PUBLIC OPINION BECAUSE THE US HAD RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL FOR VERY LITTLE.

2. I TOLD CARRO MARTINEZ THAT THE FACT OF SPAIN'S ISOLATION AS THE RESULT OF THE EXECUTIONS HAD IN NO WAY PLAYED A ROLE IN OUR NEGOTIATING POSTURE AND THE SECRETARY HAD MADE THIS QUITE CLEAR TO CORTINA. WHAT WE HAD OFFERED IN THIS AGREEMENT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE WOULD HAVE OFFERED HAD THERE BEEN NO

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EXECUTIONS AND SUBSEQUENT INTERNATIONAL REACTION.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING WE HAD MADE CLEAR THAT
WE COULD NOT OFFER A BILATERAL SECURITY GUARANTEE, NOR
COULD WE PROVIDE MORE THAN WE WERE OFFERING IN THE
WAY OF QUID. I TOLD CARRO MARTINEZ THAT IT WOULD
BE A SERIOUS MATTER IF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD
PRESENT THE AGREEMENT TO ITS PUBLIC OPINION ON THE
BASIS THAT SPAIN HAD BEEN FORCED INTO IT BECAUSE THE
US HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF SPAIN'S WEAK POSITION.
I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH
GOVERNMENTS PRESENT THE AGREEMENT IN AS POSITIVE
A LIGHT AS POSSIBLE.
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